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Dear Harold,

If I knew what you were talking about in your most recent diatribe I might be able to send you an intelligent reply. But since I have no idea what you are talking about I'm afraid I'm at a loss.

I assume you are telling me that Lane pays me special thanks in his book. If that is so (I haven't seen the book or galleys) it can only be to soothe his own ego as I did no more than supply him with my McMillan file. I asked only that he credit me with that material. I can assure you that Lane regards me as the "enemy" after I challenged him on several points on the Jerry Williams show and totally demolished his friend Oltmans. Furthermore I couldn't care less whether you believe me or not. I'm tired of your recriminations, and I don't think I have to answer to you anyway.

As far as the tapes are concerned, I explained to Jim that I wouldn't be able to do it right away. As a matter of fact I finished dubbing it last night (the Lane/Anson/Lifton one), putting that ahead of several pressing matters that also require my attention. The other I haven't dubbed because I do not yet have it. WMCA is making a dub for me and has not yet sent it.

You well know what I think of Lane, as does everyone else except, apparently, Lane. I've never hidden my feelings that I think Lane is an opportunist who does anything for attention unless it requires learning some facts. I've told that to the Committee and any one who would listen. I suspect that if Lane doesn't know my feelings it is because he's heard about them and chosen not to listen.

If your letter was attacking me for any other reason I'm afraid I missed it. Perhaps you'd clarify, but I'd prefer that you ignore.

Jerry